



Biography

Illinois Air National Guard 126th Air Refueling Wing Scott Air Force Base, Illinois



COLONEL PETER NEZAMIS



Colonel Peter Nezamis is commander, 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott Air Force Base, IL. As wing commander, he serves as the senior officer responsible for an Illinois Air National Guard wing of 8 primary assigned KC-135E aircraft and approximately 900 personnel. His wing executes worldwide mobility operations, including both air refueling and airlift, and supports a wide range of conventional and nuclear plans.

The Colonel joined the 110th Tactical Air Support Group, Michigan Air National Guard, in January 1986. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in December 1986. He completed undergraduate pilot training in January 1988. He joined the 126th Air Refueling Wing in February 1988. After completing Combat Crew Training School he was assigned to the 108th Air Refueling Squadron, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Ill., as a KC-135E pilot. The colonel has served in various staff assignments,

from squadron commander, chief of scheduling and director of training to his current position as air commander and operations group commander in December 2003.

In June of 2005, the colonel was detailed to the Office of Transformation at the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Va. He assisted in the development and implementation of strategy for the ANG throughout the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process for future force constructs to include Active/ARC Associations, new mission development, and utilization of manpower. He is a veteran of operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM and most recently commanded the 492nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, Lajes AB, Azores in support of operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM. The Colonel directed over 200 mishap free combat support sorties to support 250 receivers utilizing 18 aircraft and 27 crews.

EDUCATION:

1986 Bachelor of Science in Aviation Technology and Management, Western Michigan University, MI
1990 Air National Guard Aircraft Mishap Prevention Course
1995 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
1996 KC-135 Central Flight Instructor Course, Altus AFB, OK
1999 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2002 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
2004 Air National Guard Senior Commander Development Course, Washington, DC

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1986 – December 1986, student, McGee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tennessee
2. December 1986 – January 1988, undergraduate pilot training, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma
3. March 1988 – June 1988, combat crew training school KC-135, Castle Air Force Base, California
4. July 1988 – May 1991, pilot, 108th Air Refueling Squadron, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
5. June 1991 – November 1993, ground training chief, 126th Operational Support Flight, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
6. December 1993 – July 1997, scheduling chief, 126th Operational Support Flight, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
7. August 1997 – February 1998, training director, 126th Operational Support Flight, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
8. March 1998 – August 1998, air operations officer, 126th Operations Group, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
9. August 1998 – December 2003, commander, 108th Air Refueling Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
10. December 2003 – Present, commander, 126th Operations Group, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot Instructor and Evaluator

Flight Hours: More than 3500

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, KC-135R, and KC135E

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with five oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with two service stars

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal with one service star

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon

Air Force Longevity Service Award with three oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with three M devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal, Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait

Illinois Long and Honorable Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Illinois Military Attendance Ribbon with numeral eight

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant Dec 18, 1986

First Lieutenant Feb 5, 1989

Captain Mar 13, 1991

Major Jan 7, 1996

Lieutenant Colonel Jan 8, 2000

Colonel, Feb 27, 2004